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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2672  
Docket No.: 826.1570**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Nobuhiro SAITOU

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For: GRAPHIC EDITING APPARATUS, GRAPHIC EDITING METHOD AND STORAGE MEDIUM ON WHICH IS RECORDED A PROGRAM FOR GRAPHIC EDITING

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 14, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on June 14, 2002.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please REPLACE claims 1-3 and 5-13 and ADD new claims 14-17 in accordance with the following:

*Sub C1*  
*b1* *D1*  
1. (ONCE AMENDED) A graphic editing apparatus, comprising:

a display unit displaying a graphic including a first object and a second object which are connected with each other using a first connector, where the first object, second object, and first connector are all displayed on a display screen; and  
an interactive graphical editing unit, when a third object is interactively placed in a predetermined position in relation to the first connector after the first object, second object, and

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